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need of such treatment which comprises feeding the pet an antioxidant or mixture of antioxidants at levels sufficient to accomplish the said inhibiting or increasing, the said antioxidant selected from the group consisting Vitamin E, Vitamin C, alpha lipoic acid, l-carnitine and mixtures thereof.

Claim 40 (Previously Added) The method in accordance with Claim 39 wherein Vitamin E is fed to the pet in at least about 100 ppm as measured by the diet.

Claim 41 (Previously Added) The method in accordance with Claim 39 wherein Vitamin C is fed to the pet in at least about 50 ppm as measured by the diet..

Claim 42 (Previously Added) The method in accordance with Claim 39 wherein alpha lipoic acid is fed to the pet in at least about 25 ppm as measured by the diet.

Claim 43 (Previously Added) The method in accordance with Claim 39 wherein l-carnitine is fed to the pet in at least about 50 ppm as measured by the diet.

Remarks

Claims 39 - 43 remain in the case. All claims prior to Claim 39 that have not been previously cancelled are cancelled by this amendment. The remaining independent claim, 39, is directed to a method for inhibiting the loss of learning ability or increasing the learning ability of an aged companion pet.